

From: Thomasin LaMachia
To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Opinion on Microsoft lawsuit

I have attached a letter expressing my desires to see this suit come to an end.

Thank you,

Thomasin LaMachia



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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue,
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

This lawsuit against Microsoft has been contentious from the beginning. Instead of focusing on genuine issues, both sides engaged in bitter accusations and posturing.

It is therefore preferable that there is a settlement. It will provide for Microsoft to mend some of its fences by promising to end its retaliatory practices and even change its licensing and software development. Some of the terms are really fairly drastic, such as Microsoft's distribution of its codes, but it is my hope that all the terms are sufficient to end this debacle.

I am writing to convey my support of this settlement, along with my disappointment that this matter could have ended with a little more grace, and a little less cynicism and spite.

Sincerely,

Thomasin Lamachia
President